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Free feel to change the contact person for Gina McCarthy's visit on Friday to Becky Weber.

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## **OPA Daily Digest for 11/15/10**

### **Congressional Inquiries:**

**Rep. Jo Ann Emerson** (Mo.) - Letter – 11/15/10: Constituent complaint about lead remediation and yard repair – Madison County Superfund Site. Due: 11/29/10. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

**Sen. Charles Grassley** (Iowa) – Letter – 11/1/10: Constituent complaint that CWA has placed an enormous burden on small towns. Due: 11/8/10. Contact: Jan Lambert, 7768 (open)

**Rep. Russ Carnahan** (Mo.) – Letter – 10/20/10: Specific questions about the selected remedy for the West Lake Landfill Superfund Site. Due: 11/3/10. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

### **State Government Inquiries:**

**Legislative Liaison** (Iowa) – E-mail: Requesting review and comment on proposed legislation. Contact: Sarah Hatch, 7199 (open)

**Sen. Carolyn McGinn** (Ks) – Telephone: Requesting information on concerns in Miami County. Contact: Sarah Hatch, 7199 (open)

### **Press Inquiries:**

**Missouri News Horizon** – Rebecca Townsend – 11/8/10: Questions about Missouri River issues. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (open)

**The Hawk Eye, Burlington, Iowa** – Nick Burgin – 11/12/10: Questions about Alliant Energy cleanup site in Burlington. Referred to Iowa Department of Natural Resources. Contact: David Bryan, 7433 (closed)

**KKFI Radio, Kansas City** – Tom Klammer – 11/15/10: Questions regarding Bannister Complex Civilian Advisory Panel meeting. Contact: David Bryan, 7433 (closed)

## **Environmental Stories:**

**KSHB-TV Ch. 5 Kansas City, Mo. - Bannister officials hired PR firm** - 11/11/10 - Officials at the General Services Administration have confirmed that the agency spent tax dollars on a \$234,000 contract with a public relations firm at the height of the NBC Action News investigation that has identified more than 400 sick or dead workers at the Bannister Federal Complex.  
<http://kshb.mobl.net/w/main/story/15783653/>

**The Hawk Eye, Burlington, Iowa - Cleanup begins on tainted riverfront site** - 11/12/10 - A multi-million-dollar cleanup at the Burlington riverfront of 20,000 tons of soil contaminated with coal tar has started and will continue throughout the winter. Alliant Energy subsidiary Interstate Power and Light Co. plans during the next three months to clean up the site. IDNR is overseeing cleanup of the site, which is owned by the Iowa Department of Transportation. <http://www.thehawkeye.com/story/cleanup-111310>

**St. Louis Business Journal - Enterprise CEO Taylor joins electric vehicle coalition** - 11/12/10 - Enterprise Holdings Chairman and CEO Andrew Taylor has joined the Electrification Coalition, a nonpartisan, not-for-profit group of business leaders representing the growing electric vehicle industry. <http://www.bizjournals.com/stlouis/news/2010/11/12/enterprise-ceo-taylor-joins-electric.html?ed=2010-11-12>

**St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Companies turn to renewable packaging** - 11/14/10 - In an effort to drive sales and attract new customers, more and more companies in St. Louis and nationwide are looking at ways to package their products using recycled or renewable materials. [http://www.stltoday.com/business/article\\_7dc6a695-2f8b-5cbd-9f0b-ac5f1f797a67.html](http://www.stltoday.com/business/article_7dc6a695-2f8b-5cbd-9f0b-ac5f1f797a67.html)

**The Kansas City Star - Scientists find toxic algae in open ocean, botching idea for fighting global warming** - 11/14/10 - Once thought to be a problem plaguing only the coast, causing fisheries closures and wildlife deaths, the research shows that open sea algae populations also occasionally bloom into a toxic soup. <http://www.kansascity.com/2010/11/13/2428688/scientists-find-toxic-algae-in.html>

**Telegraph Herald, Dubuque, Iowa - EPA, DNR find containers lost during floods** - 11/13/10 - Federal and Iowa agencies work to collect the drums and tanks along the Maquoketa and Skunk rivers. <http://www.thonline.com/article.cfm?id=302109>

**Des Moines Register - Report questions cellulosic ethanol merits** - 11/14/10 - A study making its way around the Agriculture Department raises doubts about the prospects for biofuels made from crop residue and other types of plant cellulose and calls for shifting the focus of government research funding. <http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20101114/BUSINESS01/11140325/1029/>

**The Kansas City Star - Saturday meeting to advise Bannister workers about compensation** - 11/13/10 - An Atlanta consultant will be available to advise current and former federal workers of the Bannister Federal Complex about ways to obtain federal compensation for illnesses because of exposure from toxins. <http://www.kansascity.com/2010/11/13/2429558/saturday-meeting-to-advise-bannister.html>

**The Kansas City Star - New wildlife refuge set in Flint Hills of Kansas** - 11/12/10 - About 1.1 million acres of some of the nation's last tallgrass prairie in the Flint Hills of Kansas will be set aside for a new national wildlife refuge in a project that partners private landowners with conservationists. <http://www.kansascity.com/2010/11/12/2426790/new-wildlife-refuge-set-in-flint.html>

**St. Louis Beacon - Rescuing Larry: Public health workers help a worried mom save her child from lead poisoning** - 11/14/10 - Public health agencies advocate that parents be proactive in eliminating lead poisoning by feeding their children calcium- and iron-rich foods.

<http://www.stlbeacon.org/health-science/health/106213-saving-a-child-from-lead-poisoning>

**Associated Press - Probe is sought of lead in reusable grocery bags** - 11/14/10 - Sen. Charles Schumer of New York is seeking a federal investigation after a newspaper's report of lead content in some reusable grocery bags.

<http://www.kansascity.com/2010/11/14/2429851/probe-is-sought-of-lead-in-reusable.html>

**Omaha World-Herald - Midlands Voices: Maximize our wind power to boost rural economies** - 11/15/10 - This past week, hundreds gathered in Kearney for the annual Nebraska Wind Conference. To take advantages of new wind power production, NPPD's hands have to be untied.

<http://www.omaha.com/article/20101115/NEWS0802/711159995>

**West Newsmagazine (St. Louis County) - 11/15/10 - Going green: 51 hybrid cars join AT&T's fleet** - 11AT&T has announced the delivery of 51 new 2010 Ford, Honda and Toyota hybrid cars to company locations across Missouri.

<http://www.newsmagazinenetwork.com/news/missouri/101115-4237/going-green-51-hybrid-cars-join-atts-fleet>

**Topeka Capital Journal - Letter: Bremby's Ouster** - 11/14/10 - The Eco-Justice environmental group demands investigation, reinstatement and EPA taking over permitting process.

[http://cjonline.com/opinion/2010-11-14/letter\\_brembys\\_ouster](http://cjonline.com/opinion/2010-11-14/letter_brembys_ouster)

**The Kansas City Star - Report questions safety of planned biodefense lab** - 11/15/10 - The federal government has underestimated the risks of building a lab for researching dangerous animal diseases in Manhattan, Kansas on the Kansas State University campus.

<http://www.kansascity.com/2010/11/15/2433900/report-questions-safety-of-planned.html>

**Terra Daily - Leaking Underground CO2 Storage Could Contaminate Drinking Water** - 11/15/10 - Leaks from carbon dioxide injected deep underground to help fight climate change could bubble up into drinking water aquifers near the surface, driving up levels of contaminants in the water tenfold or more in some places.

[http://www.terradaily.com/reports/Leaking\\_Underground\\_CO2\\_Storage\\_Could\\_Contaminate\\_Drinking\\_Water\\_999.html](http://www.terradaily.com/reports/Leaking_Underground_CO2_Storage_Could_Contaminate_Drinking_Water_999.html)

**Chemical and Engineering News - More Dioxin Delays** - 11/15/10 - EPA's science advisers say EPA needs to do more work on its draft report assessing the risks of the toxic compounds.

<http://pubs.acs.org/isubscribe/journals/cen/88/i46/html/8846gov1.html>

**Inside EPA - EPA Vows 'Case-By-Case' Oversight To Ensure TRI Reporting For Coal Ash** -

11/12/10 - PA officials are vowing to conduct "case-by-case" oversight to ensure power plants and other generators of coal ash and coal combustion residuals (CCRs) report their waste releases to the agency's Toxics Release Inventory..

<http://insideepa.com/201011152345085/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/epa-vows-case-by-case-oversight-to-ensure-tri-reporting-for-coal-ash/menu-id-95.html>

**Inside EPA - Power Industry Eyes Work With EPA On Plan To Avoid Rule 'Train Wreck'** - 11/15/10 - Power industry officials are crafting a strategy for working with EPA to avoid fears of a "train wreck" of compliance costs and other burdens from pending agency air, water, waste and climate rules due within the next five years.

<http://insideepa.com/Superfund-Report/Superfund-Report-11/15/2010/power-industry-eyes-work-with-epa-on-plan-to-avoid-rule-train-wreck/menu-id-128.html>

**Inside EPA - EPA Faces Competing Arguments Over Role Of 'Stigma' In Coal Ash Rule** - 11/15/10 -

Environmental and industry groups are outlining competing claims over whether EPA can consider the stigmatic effect that strict hazardous waste rules will have on industry's ability to reuse coal ash when it regulates the material.

<http://insideepa.com/201011152345084/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/epa-faces-competing-arguments-over-role-of-stigma-in-coal-ash-rule/menu-id-95.html>

## **Press Releases**

**HPI Products, Inc., Related Company and Owner to Pay \$150,000 in Civil Penalties for State, Federal Environmental Violations** – 11/15/10 – Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394

## **Fact Sheets**

**None**

## **Upcoming Administrator/RA Events:**

\* New additions noted with an asterisk

**11/16/10** - NEJAC Conference, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Fatima Ndiaye, 7383

**11/17/10** - HUD/DOT/EPA Sustainable Communities Meeting, Regional Office. Contact: Amanda Halstead, 7827

**11/18/10** - Environmental Law Committee of the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis (BAMSL), St. Louis, Mo. Contacts: David Cozad, 7587; Julia Cacho, 7071

**11/16/10:** Deputy Administrator Bob Perciasepe visits Regional Office. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

**11/19/10:** Assistant Administrator for Air Gina McCarthy visits Regional Office. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

**11/20/10** – Kansas Rural Center's Winter Sustainable Agriculture Conference, Emporia, Kan. Contacts: Karen Flournoy, 7782; Julia Cacho, 7071

**11/29/10** - Meet and greet with President of JCCC and open forum with students, Overland Park, Kan. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7170

**11/30/10** - Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce – Energy, Environment, and Sustainability Initiative Monthly Meeting, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

**12/1/10** – Meet and greet with Kansas State University, Mahattan, Kan. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782.

**12/7-8/10:** Four State Directors Meeting, Kansas City, Mo. Contacts: Ashley Betts, 7336, and Wendy Lubbe, 7551

**12/9/10** – Kansas Agriculture and Rural Leadership Adapting to Change Seminar, Pittsburg, Kan. Contacts: Karen Flournoy, 7782 and Julia Cacho, 7071

**12/11/10** - Kansas Farmers Union Convention, Salina, Kan. Contacts: Karen Flournoy, 7782 and Julia Cacho, 7071

**\*12/14/10** - Meet and Greet with Hank Habicht, Regional Office. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

**12/22/10** – Meeting with the Four State Foresters, Regional Office. Contact: Damon Frizzell, 7560

**\*11/19/20** – Air & Waste Management Association Mid-West Section Annual Conference, Overland Park, Kan. Contact: Rebecca Weber, 7487

## **ORD**

None

## **Other Events**

### **AWMD**

**11/16/10** - ORIA Regional/National Meeting, Chicago, Ill. Contact: Bob Dye, 7605

**11/16/10** - Herculaneum CAG meeting, Herculaneum, Mo. Contacts: Jim Aycock, 7887 or Stephanie Doolan, 7719

**11/16-17/10** - RCRA Division Directors Meeting, Philadelphia, Penn. Contact: Becky Weber, 7487

**11/17/10** - Quad Cities Nuclear Plant Emergency Exercise, Quad Cities, Iowa. Contact: Chuck Hooper, 7271

**11/19/10** - Missouri Emergency Response Commission Meeting, Jefferson City, Mo. Contact: Christine Hoard, 7775

**11/19/10** - FEMA Regional Assistance Committee meeting, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Chuck Hooper, 7271

**11/23/10** - ARRA/DERA Advanced Programmatic Review - Grace Hill, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Chris Wolfersberger, 7861

**12/2/10** - Bridging the Gap strategic priorities discussion, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Chris Wolfersberger, 7864

**12/8/10** - Energy Star Summit, Denver, Colo. Contact: Craig Bernstein, 7688

### **CNSL**

**12/6-9/10** - Superfund Redevelopment Initiative, New York, N.Y. Contacts: David Hoefer, 7503, and Robert Richards, 7502

**12/7-9/10** - OPP/OECA National Pesticide Meeting, Washington, D.C. Contact: Alyse Stoy, 7826

### **ECO/EJ**

**11/15-18/10** - NEJAC Meeting, Kansas City, Mo. Contacts: Althea Moses, 7649, and Fatima Ndiaye, 7383

### **ENSV**

**11/17** - Energy Extraction Workshop, Denver, Colo. Contact: John Houlihan, 7432

**11/18-19** - National Enforcement Coordinators Meeting, Denver, Colo. Contact John Houlihan, 7432

### **PLMG**

**11/15-18/10** - National Exchange Network Coordinators meeting, Washington D.C., Contact: Maryane Tremaine, 7430

**11/16/10** - FEB ADR/Shared Neutrals Committee Meeting, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Michael Butkovich, 7189

**11/16/10** - KCK Downtown Shareholders Board Meeting, Regional Office. Contact: Christopher Taylor, 7736

**11/16/10** - FEB Executive Committee Meeting, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Michael Butkovich, 7189

**11/16-18/10** - Public Affairs Directors Meeting, Washington, D.C. Contact: Debbie Bishop, 7529

**11/18/10** - FEB Veterans Committee Meeting, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Jonathan Cooper, 7287

#### **RA/OPA**

**11/18/10** – Bannister Federal Complex Community Advisory Panel meeting, IAMAW Union Lodge, 9404 Grandview Road, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Dianna Whitaker, 7598, and Belinda Young, 7463

**12/1-2/10** – Environmental Quality Council meeting, Lincoln, Nebraska. Contact: Sarah Hatch, 7199

**12/14/10** – Administrative Rules Legislative Committee – Tailoring Rule, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Sarah Hatch, 7199

#### **SUPR**

**\*11/16/10** - FEMA Training/New Madrid National Level Exercise, Jefferson City, Mo. Contact: Jaci Ferguson, 7310

**11/16-18/10** – Region 7 Regional Response Team meeting and Tabletop Exercise, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Janice Kroone, 7005

**11/22-23/10** – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers meeting and site visit, St. Louis /Hazelwood Superfund Site, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Matthew Jefferson, 7520

**11/30-12/4/10** - Central U.S. Earthquake Consortium (CUSEC) Resource Allocation Workshop held in Nashville, Tenn. Contact: Dave Williams, 7625

**12/9/10** - Superfund staff participating in FEMA's Regional Interagency Steering Committee meeting in Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Scott Hayes, 7670

#### **WWPD**

**11/14-16/10** - Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities, Inc. meeting, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Judy Novak, 7360

**11/14-19/10** - 2010 American Water Works Association, Water Quality Technology Conference and Exposition, Savannah, Ga. Contact: Doug Brune, 7178

**11/15-16/10** - Monthly Environmental Protection Council meeting, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: John Reyna, 7021

**11/15-18/10** - First national Non Point Source Monitoring Workshop, Milwaukee, Wis. Contact: Leah Medley, 7167

**11/15-18/10** - USDA North Central Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Administrative Council meeting, Detroit, Mich. Contact: Heather Duncan, 7640.

**11/15-17/10** - Upper Mississippi River Basin Association Board and Water Quality Executive Committee, Rock Island, Ill. Contact: Art Spratlin, 7401

**11/16-17/10** - State/EPA Revolving Fund Workgroup meeting, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Judy Novak, 7360

**11/16/10** - Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities Conference, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Kerry Herndon, 7286

**11/16-18/10** - National Environmental Justice Advisory Council Meeting, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Amy Shields, 7396

**11/18/10** - Allstate Consultants-Watershed Protection and Design Meeting, Regional Office. Contact: Art Spratlin, 7401

**11/18/10** - Regional Coordinators' meeting, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Steve Kovac, 7698 and Judy Novak, 7360

**11/18/10** - Soto Property Management Group, Lead-Based Paint Regulations presentation, Cape Girardeau, Mo. Contact: Tom Brick, 7913

**11/18/10** - Southeast Missouri Regional Office of USDA Rural Development, Lead-Based Paint Regulations presentation, Cape Girardeau, Mo. Contact: Tom Brick, 7913

**11/20/10** - League of Women Voters presentation, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: John Dunn, 7594

**11/21/10** - EPA booth at Kansas Association of Conservation District meeting, Wichita, Kan. Contact: Steve Schaff, 7447

**11/30/10** - Kansas Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy Workgroup meeting, Topeka, Kan. Contact: Steve Schaff, 7447

**11/30/10** - Ducks Unlimited Program Overview, Regional Office. Contact: Art Spratlin, 7401

**12/1-2/10** - Iowa State University Integrated Crop Management Conference, Ames, Iowa. Contact: Heather Duncan, 7640

**12/6-9/10** - 2010 Fall National Wetlands Monitoring and Assessment Work Group Workshop, Raleigh, N.C. Contact: Eliodora Chamberlain, 7945

**12/6-9/10** - National Total Maximum Daily Load and Listing Conference, Chicago, Ill. Contacts: Tabatha Adkins, 7128, Steven Wang, 7142, Bruce Perkins, 7067, and Sondra Tucker, 7796

**12/7/10** - Incremental Measures Workgroup, Washington, D.C. Contact: Steve Schaff, 7447

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